

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 40-48, 55, and 58-78 are pending. By the present amendment, Claims 56 and 57 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, the title of the invention is objected to; Claims 56 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP 11-196540 in combination with Buono (US 5,949,222) or Higuchi (US 6,275,013); and Claims 40-48, 55, and 58-78 were indicated as allowed. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowed subject matter.

Regarding the objection to the title, the title is amended to be descriptive. No new matter is added. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the title is overcome.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 56 and 57, it is noted that Claims 56 and 57 are canceled by the present amendment. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 56 and 57 is moot.

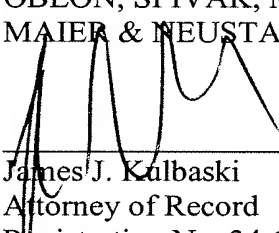
This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which after final rejection permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment amends the title to comply with the requirements of form expressed in the Office Action dated July 16, 2007 and cancels Claims 56 and 57. Therefore, this amendment only includes subject matter which was earlier presented. Thus, no new matter has been added, and this amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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